

Assembly Bill No. 2459

CHAPTER 969

An act to amend Section 77206 of the Government Code, relating to courts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2459, Wiggins. Courts.

Existing law requires the Judicial Council to adopt appropriate rules for budget submission, budget management, and reporting of revenues and expenditures by each court.

This bill would require the Judicial Council to adopt rules to provide for reasonable public access to budget allocation and expenditure information at the state and local level, and ensuring that trial courts, upon written request, provide information in a timely manner regarding the administration of the courts, including specified financial information. The bill would make a technical, clarifying change to that provision.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 77206 of the Government Code is amended to read:

77206. (a) The Judicial Council shall adopt appropriate rules for budget submission and management, and reporting of revenues and expenditures by each court. The Controller, in consultation with the Judicial Council, shall maintain appropriate regulations for record keeping and accounting by the courts, in order to determine all moneys collected by the courts, including filing fees, fines, forfeitures, and penalties, and all revenues and expenditures relating to court operations.

(b) Regulations, rules, and reporting requirements adopted pursuant to this chapter shall be exempt from review and approval or other processing by the Office of Administrative Law as provided for in Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2.

(c) The Controller, at the request of the Legislature or the Judicial Council, may perform and publish financial and fiscal compliance audits of the reports of court revenues and expenditures. The Controller shall report the results of these audits to the Legislature.

(d) The Judicial Council shall provide for the transmission of summary information concerning court revenues and expenditures to the Controller.

(e) The Judicial Council shall adopt rules to provide for reasonable public access to budget allocation and expenditure information at the state and local level.

(f) The Judicial Council shall adopt rules ensuring that, upon written request, the trial courts provide, in a timely manner, information relating to the administration of the courts, including financial information and other information that affects the wages, hours, and working conditions of trial court employees.

